NCTWS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT – 2019/2020

Committee Name: Membership

Committee Mission: This committee shall encourage the maximum number of qualified persons residing or working with the Chapter’s organizational area to become members of The Wildlife Society, the Southeastern Section, and the North Carolina Chapter. As provided in Article IV, Section 2, the committee will receive nominations and make recommendations to the Executive Board regarding approval of individuals seeking Other Member status in the Chapter.

Committee Chair(s): Colleen Olfenbuttel

Committee Members: Holly Ferreira

Activities and Accomplishments for the past year (annual meeting to annual meeting):

- Membership in NCTWS remained stable; membership is currently at 294 members (Feb. 9th, 2020), a slight decline (-3%) from the last annual report (303 members; April 1st, 2019).
- Two NCTWS members become Lifetime Members:
  - Dr. Matina Kalcounis-Ruppell (#19)
  - Riddick Ricks (#20)
- Sent out 20 group notification emails to members. These notifications included membership renewal reminders, membership expiration notices, and welcoming emails to new/renewed members.
- Membership composition:
  - University: 47%
  - State: 18%
  - Federal: 10%
  - Retired: 7%
  - NGO: 5%
  - Private: 4%
  - County/town: 4%
  - Unknown: 4%
  - Tribal: 0.3%
Plans for the upcoming year:
- Continue to promote Lifetime Memberships to NCTWS members.
- Continue to promote membership in NCTWS.
- Work with NCTWS Executive Board and Committee Chairs to expand efforts to recruit more members from federal agencies, NGOs, state parks, and private companies (e.g., consulting firms, Duke Energy, etc…), as well as reach out to retirees that have let their membership lapse.